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## **Court Dress Code and Conduct**

All court participants must dress appropriately to maintain the dignity, decorum and professional atmosphere of the judicial branch of our government.

### **Appropriate Attire:**

- Males should wear a collared shirt and long pants (jeans are acceptable). Sweaters are acceptable.
- Females should wear a dress, a blouse with an appropriate skirt, or long pants (jeans are acceptable).
- Jeans are acceptable if they are not cut, frayed, distressed, torn, or faded.
- All pants must be worn at the waist; no sagging or low riding pants.
- Shoulders, backs, chests, and midriffs must be covered.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.

### **Inappropriate Attire:**

- No shorts of any type, no cut off jeans, no t-shirts with images or messages disrespectful of the judicial process
- No flip-flops, house shoes, slippers, or heavily soiled or heavily worn footwear
- No heavily soiled work clothing
- No hats, caps or non-religious head coverings such as bandanas, scarves, sweatbands, caps, do-rags, or hairnets. "Hoodies" on garments or sweatshirts may not be pulled over the head.
- Clothing that advertises substances (drugs, alcohol, tobacco products) or language or writing that is otherwise inappropriate or offensive (sex, profanity, racial, or ethnic slurs, gang related attire, etc) may not be worn.
- For security reasons, chains, spiked accessories, and oversized jewelry are not allowed.

### **Required Conduct during Court**

All persons in the courtroom must refrain from any action that may disrupt proceedings. Therefore, all persons will comply with the following:

- Cell phones, computers, or pagers must be turned OFF while court is in session.
- Spectators may not sleep in the courtroom.
- No bottles, beverage containers, paper cups or food allowed.
- No reading of newspapers, books or magazines is permitted.
- No talking or unnecessary noise; no one is allowed to talk when the judge is speaking.

**THE COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO HEAR ANY CASE FROM THOSE WHO FAIL TO ABIDE BY THE DRESS CODE OR CODE OF CONDUCT. IF YOU ARE DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY, A JUDGE MAY NOT ALLOW YOU IN THE COURTROOM.**